

August 8, 2001

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.T.E. 01-59

Investigation by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy on its own motion as to the propriety of a proposed increase in the rates and charges set forth in the following tariff: M.D.P.U. No. 9, filed by Housatonic Water Works Company.

On July 17, 2001, Housatonic Water Works Company ("Company") filed a petition with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department"), requesting a rate increase of \$89,399. This request, if granted, would represent a 20 percent increase in total annual revenues, corresponding to an increase of approximately \$8.35 per month for the average residential customer using 6,000 gallons per month in Great Barrington, West Stockbridge and Stockbridge.

The Department has suspended the date of the proposed increase to February 1, 2002, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and G.L. c. 165, § 2, for further investigation. This investigation has been docketed as D.T.E. 01-59. The Department has scheduled a public hearing to receive comment on the Company's petition on:

Wednesday, September 5, 2001, at 7:00 P.M.
Housatonic Community Center
1064 Main Street
Housatonic, MA 01236

A copy of the petition may be inspected at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; or at the Company's offices at 85 Maple Avenue, Great Barrington, MA.

Persons interested in commenting on the petition may appear at the public hearing or file written comments with:

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
re: D.T.E. 01-59
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

All filings, including comments, must also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us; or (2) on a 3.5" disk, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding, (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix), in Microsoft Word, (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix) or as an Adobe PDF file (naming the document with a ".pdf" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All filings will be posted on the Department's website at [< http://www.magnet.state.ma.us/dpu.>](http://www.magnet.state.ma.us/dpu)

Any person who desires to participate in this proceeding must file a petition for leave to intervene with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Monday, September 10, 2001. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1). Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

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In compliance with 220 C.M.R. §5.06, Dover Water Company is required to publish the attached legal notice in the Berkshire Eagle and in either the Boston Globe or Boston Herald, once at least twenty-one (21) days prior to September 5, 2001 and again seven (7) days prior to said date. In addition to newspaper publication and instead of a bill insert, the company shall mail its ratepayers a copy of the attached notice at least ten (10) days in advance of the public hearing.

The Housatonic Water Works Company is required to serve a copy of the notice on the Chairmen, Boards of Selectmen, and Town Clerks of the towns of Great Barrington, Stockbridge and West Stockbridge, and is also required to make return and publication of service and publication at least five (5) business days prior to the time of the scheduled hearing.

By Order of the Department,

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary